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Accidents

* 36 *Q.*—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state the number of accidents caused by lorries and motor cars in August and September 1960 in the City of Madras?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH :

	August 1960.	September 1960.
Lorries	41	45
Motor Cars (including Jeeps and Station wagons	168	131

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether these accidents were due to overspeed or due to the drivers not obeying the traffic rules?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : I do not have these details with me.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know how many of these accidents proved fatal?

The Hon. V. RAMAIAH : I do not have these figures.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is it a fact that some of these lorry and motor car drivers are unlicensed and that most of the accidents or a good number of them were caused by these drivers?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : The hon. Member has stated the reason for these accidents. Particularly in lorry traffic we find the accidents are due to these unlicensed drivers taking over driving. We are trying our best to put an end to that.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is there any department or section of the department to go into the causes of the accident, the time of accident and the place of accident, whether in the case of cars, it was owner-driven and so on?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : These are attended to by the Regional Transport Authority.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know how many of the lorries involved in the accidents belong to the Government?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : I do not have the information with me.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]